

REMARKS

Summary

Claims 1-2 were pending. Claim 1 has been rewritten. No new matter has been added as a result of this amendment.

Rejection of Claims

Claim 1 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Tsurumaru (6,359,933) in view of Brost (4,903,225). Claim 2 was objected to as being dependent on a rejected base claim, but the Examiner indicated that Claim 2 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicant has incorporated the elements of Claim 2 into Claim 1 and submits that Claim 1 is in condition for allowance.

Conclusion

Applicant respectfully submits that all of the pending claims are in condition for allowance. If for any reason the Examiner is unable to allow the application in the next Office Action and believes that a telephone interview would be helpful to resolve any remaining issues, she is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,



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